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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 1797

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: EXTENSION OF ARMISH/MAAG AGREEMENT

REFS: (A) TEHRAN 1390; (B) STATE 38414

1. WE PLAN TO DISCUSS WITH GOI THIS WEEK ISSUE OF COMPENSATION
FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE ELEMENT OF ARMISH/MAAG. WILL ADVISE.

2. AS WE UNDERSTAND ARRANGEMENTS OUTLINED REF (B), THERE WOULD BE
FOUR SEPARATE CONTRACTS WITH GOI. A SEPARATE CONTRACT FOR EACH OF
THE THREE SERVICES WOULD INCLUDE THAT SERVICE'S TAFT PERSONNEL AND
AN ADDITIONAL LINE FOR ITS SECURITY ASSISTANCE ELEMENT. THE FOURTH
CONTRACT WOULD CONTAIN ARMY'S SUPPORT PACKAGE FOR BOTH TAFT AND
SECURITY ASSISTANCE ELEMENT. WE HAVE NO SERIOUS DIFFICULTY WITH
THESE ARRANGEMENTS, BUT WOULD PREFER, IF FEASIBLE, IN ORDER TO
UNDERScore SEPARATION OF TAFT AND SECURITY ASSISTANCE ELEMENTS, TO
HAVE LATTER BROKEN OUT IN SEPARATE OR FIFTH CONTRACT.

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3. WOULD APPRECIATE RATIONALE FOR SETTING IRANIAN REIMBURSEMENT

FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE ELEMENT AT APPROXIMATELY 80 PER CENT OF ARMISH/MAAG MAN HOURS. WE HAD UNDERSTOOD FIGURE MIGHT REACH 70 PERCENT.

4. UNDERSTAND THAT TOTAL PACKAGE MIGHT REACH \$100 MILLION. THIS APPEARS TO US AN EXTRAORDINARY SUM AND AN INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR'S TAFT PACKAGE THAT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND. PLEASE CABLE COST DATA WITH JUSTIFICATION ASAP.

5. ALTHOUGH WE APPRECIATE NEED FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH WASHINGTON TEAM TO GET UNDERWAY WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY, TEAM MEMBERS SHOULD REALIZE THAT WE MUST FIRST REACH GENERAL UNDERSTANDING WITH GOI ON PAYMENT OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE COSTS AND, SECONDLY, WE MUST HAVE A DEFENSIBLE POSITION ON TOTAL COSTS OF PACKAGE BEFORE WE APPROACH GOI WITH CONTRACT.

6. AGAIN CALL ATTENTION TO FACT THAT WE MUST ALSO DEAL WITH LEGAL STATUS OF ARMISH/MAAG PER TEHRAN 1390
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